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Reference: EGMA 28472, 28 August 1957

Transmitted herewith is the attachment to reference for your study and decision. I find this attachment a lucid statement of the present status of GRARB stay-behind assets. The statement of priorities given in paragraph 4 of reference appears to me to make sense, particularly if it is generally agreed that almost all of GRARB's energies will be directed to the objectives given in sub-paragraphs a. and b. of paragraph 4. It appears to be a reasonable proposition that without W/T communications we should be able to accomplish very little in a hot war situation. Furthermore, it does not strike me that it would overload GRARB to undertake the recruitment of the four W/T operators scheduled in paragraph 4 b.

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ARB's Present Assets and Future Activity.

1. On Tuesday, 6 August 1957, at VOB [] and [] of ARB presented their program for ARB's future activities to [] of VOB.

2. At this time ARB's present assets were reviewed in conjunction with a map that [] had prepared (and left at VOB for their reference) which displayed ARB's agent personnel, Drop Zones-Landing Zones, and various types of caches in symbol form. Since ARB believes the acquiring of at least one personnel asset in each of Austria's eight Unconventional Warfare areas to be its primary task, ARB's personnel assets were divided up among these eight areas with the discussion based on this division of assets. As explained in EAVW-8776, Attachment A, JBTRUTH UW Requirements, an "A" asset - an Organizer with W/T operator - is the type asset most desired and a "B" asset - a W/T operator alone - is next in order of desirability. Once ARB has acquired an "A" asset in each of the UW areas, we feel we will have attained our first major objective. The UW areas listed below are as shown in EGMW-3819, 17 April 1957.

3. As explained to [] consider the following should be ARB's priority of work effort for at least the coming year. It will probably take much more than the passing of one year to accomplish these tasks and for that reason, [] does not believe this program conflicts with the "Planning for the Future" sections of the GRCROOND Project Review, EGMA-27648, 5 July 1957. Rather, we feel this program is supplemental to those sections.

4. We believe the priority of ARB's efforts should now be:

a. To equip each of the four present W/T assets - GRLAUNCH-2 GRLAUNCH-A/9 GRIMPASTE and GRAVIMETRY-4 - with at least one and preferably two cached W/T sets, packed in the latest and most dependable (i.e. water-proof) packaging materials, and each cached set reported on and the report made available to Headquarters.

b. To obtain the first W/T asset for UW Areas #3, #6, #7 and #8.

c. To obtain a second W/T asset for UW Areas #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8.

d. To obtain an Organizer for UW Areas #3, #7 and #8.

5. In explanation of the first priority in the above paragraph, cached W/T sets for present W/T assets, here is the situation as of today:

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a. GRLAUNCH-2 has two cached RS/1 W/T sets which have been in the ground for two years and are of questionable value since his third cached set (the Volders one-also underground for two years) proved to be inoperable during the 26-28 July 1957 field test. These three sets should be replaced and a report written on each one.

b. GRLAUNCH-A/9's two cached W/T sets, an RS-1 and an RS-6, were emplaced in July 1955 and since GRLAUNCH-2's 1955-cached set did not work on 26 July 1957, we should assume both of GRLAUNCH-A/9's sets are possibly inoperable and therefore require replacement. A cache report to be written on each one.

c. GRIMPASTE has two cached RS-6 W/T sets, one emplaced in 1955 and the second in May 1957. We do not plan to replace the 1955 set at this time but will do so next spring when we expect to run GRIMPASTE through another field test. A complete cache report to be prepared on each cache.

d. GRAVIMETRY-4 completed his initial W/T training in July 1957 and is now considered capable of "coming up on the air". Two RS-6's will be emplaced for him within the next year.

e. GRLAUNCH-3 [] has two W/T sets, an RS-6 with generator buried in 1955 and a second RS-6 buried in November 1956. Case officer expects to terminate agent within the next twelve months and when termination is effected, the two sets will be recovered and no replacements made.

6. To implement the acquiring of W/T assets, ARB plans to:

*Probably
Cancelled*
a. Request GRAVIMETRY-1 [] to spot and provide biographic info on three or four W/T candidates in each of UW Areas #3, #4 and #7. We feel that GRAVIMETRY-1, because of age, long residence in Salzburg, and other personal factors, is probably a good bet to supply us with these names. Case officers plan to conduct the approach to and recruitment of any candidate of GRAVIMETRY-1's choosing themselves, independent of GRAVIMETRY-1, thereby creating individual and compartmented W/T assets.

b. Request GRLAUNCH-1 [] to also spot and provide biographic info on three to four W/T candidate possibilities in each of UW Areas #5, #6, #7 and #8 but also not to have him recruit or handle any recruited candidate. As with those candidates spotted by GRAVIMETRY-1, ARB expects to obtain several independent W/T assets through GRLAUNCH-1's spotting efforts. GRLAUNCH-1 was selected to do this work by reason of his extensive contacts, feeling it is more likely he can provide us with names of a sufficient number of W/T candidates in the areas mentioned than the other P/As we have. In addition, GRLAUNCH-1 will be asked to spot a W/T candidate for two of the UW Areas, #1 and #3, with the intention that these two candidates become associated with the GRLAUNCH project. The candidate for UW Area #3 will be a replacement for GRLAUNCH-3 [] and the one for UW Area #1 will give the GRLAUNCH project a little better coverage of the Tirol, their intended area of operations.

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7. The fourth priority in paragraph 4. above, the acquiring of an "Organizer" (part of an "A" type asset, as shown in EAVW-8776, Attachment A) requires some explanation of ARB's attitude and plans. We believe the position of "Organizer" is synonymous with and can be filled by the agents we have previously recruited and termed Wartime Managers and we shall pair these agents off individually with a W/T asset - to create the "A" type asset - in the various UW areas. (This is in opposition to Headquarters' equating the term "Organizer" with "Principal Agent", as expressed in the GRCROOND Project Outline, attached to EGMW-3226, 27 Dec 56.) In addition to the Wartime Managers or "Organizers" - as we shall refer to them from now on - there are a number of Principal Agents who could serve as Organizers provided they remain in Austria in wartime. (As reported in EGMA-28107, Memo for the Record, told [redacted] at VOB on 20 May 1957 it was his opinion that only agents GRREPAIR-3 [redacted], GRREPAIR-4 [redacted], and GRBLEND [redacted] should be included in the Austrian Mission Evacuation Plan for evacuation to a wartime base, and that only agents GRAVIMETRY-1 and GRULTRA [redacted] be marked for evacuation to the U.S. These decisions were based on a variety of factors evaluated by [redacted] and, it is believed, do not require explanation here.)

8. Here is the way ARB groups its present personnel assets and future requirements:

UW Area #1

1. We now have:

- a. A potential "A" asset: Organizer GRBLAMED-26 [redacted]
W/T operator GRBLAMED-31 [redacted]
(training commenced in August 1957)
- b. Possible additional Organizers: GRBLAMED-4 [redacted] and
GRBLAMED-21 [redacted]
- c. Additional agent: GRBLAMED-23 [redacted] (a Segment Chief).

2. We need: a second W/T operator.

UW Area #2

1. We now have:

- a. An "A" asset: Organizer GRLAUNCH-1
W/T operator GRLAUNCH-2
Extra W/T operator GRLAUNCH-A/9

(GRLAUNCH-A/9 is placed here as an extra because of long association and anticipated wartime contact with GRLAUNCH-1 and GRLAUNCH-2. If another Organizer is obtained in this area, GRLAUNCH-A/9 can be assigned as one-half of an "A" asset.)

- b. We need: No one at the present time.

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UW Area #3

1. We now have: No "A", "B" or other assets in this area since GRBATIK-1 and GRLAUNCH-3 are both to be terminated. (GRLAUNCH-3 is not considered a W/T asset now since he has not taken sufficient W/T training.)
2. We need:
 - a. The first W/T operator
 - b. A second W/T operator
 - c. An Organizer

UW Area #4

1. We now have:
 - a. An "A" asset: -- Organizer GRAVIMETRY-2
W/T operator GRAVIMETRY-4
 - b. A potential "A" asset: Organizer GRREPAIR-6
W/T operator, Subject of EGMA-26202, 5 Apr 57
(Recruited 31 July 1957, but no
W/T aptitude test yet taken)
 - c. A "B" asset: W/T operator GRGIVING-1 (Agent lives in Vienna and is handled by VOB, but he is now a part of the GRCROOND PM Project since he is expected to operate his W/T set from Ebensee, Land Oberoesterreich, in wartime. He has one W/T set cached there.)
 - d. Possible additional Organizers: GRAVIMETRY-1 and GRREPAIR-4
(if not evacuated).
 - e. Additional agent: GRREPAIR-16 (Segment Chief)
2. We need:
 - a. A second W/T operator.
 - b. Stemblatt feels it may be necessary at some future date to replace GRAVIMETRY-2 with a younger, healthier person as Organizer. GRAVIMETRY-2 is 61 years old and appears pretty infirm.

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UW Area #5

1. We now have:

- a. A potential "A" asset: Organizer GRREPAIR-7 []
W/T operator GRREPAIR-5 []
(not fully trained as yet - only
one week's training in 1956). *3*
- b. Two W/T candidates whom GRULTRA has spotted. No action
taken on them as yet. *com*
- c. *terminated* GRULTRA, a P/A, will be terminated or evacuated, whichever
comes first, so he is not considered as a possible additional
Organizer.

2. We need: A second W/T operator.

UW Area #6

1. We now have:

- a. An Organizer: GRREPAIR-9 []
- b. A possible additional Organizer: GRREPAIR-3
- c. Additional agent: GRREPAIR-11 [] (Segment Chief)
- d. Two W/T candidates spotted by GRREPAIR-3, whom we will attempt
to recruit in September 1957.
- e. Two W/T candidates spotted by GRREPAIR-9. No action taken on
them as yet.

2. We need:

- a. The first W/T operator
- b. A second W/T operator

UW Area #7

1. We now have no assets in this area.

2. We need:

- a. The first W/T operator
- b. A second W/T operator
- c. An Organizer []

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UW Area #8

1. We now have no assets in this area.
2. We need:
 - a. The first W/T operator
 - b. A second W/T operator
 - c. An Organizer

9. ARB recognizes the fact that the acquiring of personnel assets as shown in paragraph 4., Order of Priority, will likely not be fulfilled in direct order. One factor which will throw this priority slightly out of line right away are the case officer requests previously levied upon Principal Agents. To illustrate, GRREPAIR-9 has provided case officer with the names of two W/T candidates from his area, UW Area #6, and at the same time, case officer will attempt to recruit two W/T candidates from this same UW area (obtained through GRREPAIR-3) in September 1957. Another way in which the priority may be upset is in the possibility that a recruited W/T candidate may fail his W/T aptitude test, but appear to have the necessary qualifications of an Organizer for his area and be retained by case officer for that position. This is admittedly not a large possibility, but one which case officers must consider.

10. In connection with this, both GRREPAIR-11 and GRREPAIR-16 - W/T candidates who failed their W/T aptitude tests - are examples. The two agents have been retained in so-called "Segment Chief" positions, assignments made when an E&E "movement line" was contemplated. Although these two agents were retained mainly because their Principal Agents stated they are excellent men, [redacted] is now somewhat regretful he did keep them, because they have done little or nothing to earn their keep. Neither agent is at fault in this regard; rather it has been case officer's inability to provide them with worthwhile assignments. Case officer now plans, however, to put at least GRREPAIR-11 to work on a desirable assignment, that of reporting on Drop and Landing Zones in UW Areas #5, #6, and #8. Case officer believes GRREPAIR-11 is qualified to do so because his civilian occupation allows him sufficient time and he seems to have the ability to do a good reporting job, if the Dead Drop reporting job he has done is any indication. It is planned to have him report on three or four DZ-LZs per area and not to do the extensive job (40 DZ-LZs) GRLAUNCH-2 has done in UW Areas #1, #2, and #3. We plan also to have GRAVIMETRY-4 select and report on three to four DZ-LZs in UW Areas #4 and #7, feeling he, like GRREPAIR-11, has the time, the intelligence, and the ability to do a satisfactory job of reporting. To start these two agents off in the right direction in this work, we propose to take one of GRLAUNCH-2's DZ-LZ folders and show it to GRREPAIR-11 and GRAVIMETRY-4 in turn, explaining we do not require such a thorough job, but outlining all the necessary aspects in the report and thereby displaying a goal for them to approximate.

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11. The above thoughts and plans represent a change in the direction of ARB's operational efforts. Previous ARB case officers [redacted] and [redacted] (who departed ARB in August and September 1956) conducted their agent acquisition activities for two years in accordance with the now-outmoded plan of building an E&E "movement line" from east to west across Austria. In March 1956, the USEUCOM Unconventional Warfare Requirements were revised (EGMW-1979, 13 March 1956), resulting in eight specified UW areas being assigned to KUBARK in Austria. The emphasis in ARB's acquisition of UW assets was thereby changed from attempting to recruit the nucleus of an east to west "movement line" to that of recruiting UW assets in these eight UW areas. This present change in emphasis is not as large as may appear at first sight, since a number of ARB's assets recruited for the "movement line" satisfy our present need for assets in UW areas. However, the change does involve a shift in ARB's activities away from some UW areas and over to others, plus a concentration of effort on W/T operator acquisition, training and testing, and W/T set caching. It has taken [redacted] year on the job to arrive at the views and plans expressed in this paper and place ARB's operational activities more in line with these USEUCOM UW Requirements. It is felt that if future operational activities are carried out as expressed in this dispatch, we will be taking steps in the right direction.

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